

Powder Point Bridge, March 2013

Truck, loader finally free

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Duxbury fire, police and the harbormaster spent two days over the weekend trying to free a pick-up truck and front end loader that became stuck off Powder Point Bridge Friday morning.

Late Friday morning a utility vehicle was stuck in the muck off the bridge. A white pickup truck went out to rescue the UTV, ultimately pulling the UTV out enough so that it could drive out under its own power, but the truck then got stuck in the sand. A front end

loader, owned by Milton Cat and rented to Fred E. Nava & Son from Kingston, the company currently working on the beach repairs, drove out to assist the pickup truck. Both vehicles got trapped in the sand as the tide came in under the bridge.

Crews worked from Friday to Saturday morning, through two tide cycles, to free the truck and loader.

By Friday afternoon, the pickup truck and front end loader were completely

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Once it was apparent the pickup and front loader were going to stay submerged until at least the next low tide (Friday at 9 p.m.), all the public safety officials could do was surround the vehicles with an oil boom to capture any fuel that might leak into the Bay.

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